The Board of Directors of the Central Virginia Blacksmith Guild and Banton-Smith Center for Blacksmith & Metal Arts has developed this guideline for resuming activities following the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health (VDH) recommendations and the Orders of the Governor of the Commonwealth. We consider the safety and health of all who participate in our events and activities to be of the utmost importance and highest priority. We will continue to closely monitor the recommendations and orders and communicate with our members and the public as efficiently as possible. We expect and appreciate the cooperation of all who participate in our events and classes to protect the safety and well-being of ourselves and others.

If you are considered high risk individuals (based upon the information below), you may want to consider not attending.

Higher Risk Individuals Include:

- People 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility

People of all ages with **underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled**, including:

- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised
  - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease
Following are Guidelines for precautions and protections to be followed as we resume our meetings, classes and activities

**Guild Meetings**

- If you are not feeling well or have traveled out of the country in the last 2 weeks, please stay home.
- Temperature checks will be done and anyone with 100.4 degree or greater temperature will be asked to leave.
- ALL people attending MUST sign in with name and contact information.
- Everyone needs to wear a face covering/mask.
- Eye and ear protection must be worn near forging activities.
- Attendees are responsible for providing their own PPE (Mask, Safety Goggles or Eye Protection, and ear protection)
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Maintain Social Distancing whenever possible (6+ feet)
- Wash hands often and use hand sanitizer
- Any food present will be distributed by a designated person(s) wearing gloves
- All items for “Iron In The Hat” will be sanitized where appropriate
- All members should not touch “Iron In The Hat” items until the drawing has concluded
- Upon conclusion, all equipment will be sanitized with either a bleach mix, alcohol 70% solution, Lysol, or other FDA approved sanitizer.
Classes at the Banton-Smith Center

- Instructor will arrive 15-30 minutes early to ensure anvils/workstations are the appropriate distance. The instructor will also disinfect commonly touched surfaces before attendees arrive.
- If you are not feeling well or have traveled out of the country in the last 2 weeks, please stay home and reschedule your ticket for another time.
- ALL people attending MUST sign in with name and contact information.
- Upon entering the building, temperature checks will be done and anyone with 100.4 degree or greater temperature will be asked to leave.
- Stop and wash hands at bathroom or hand sanitizer
- Everyone needs wear a face covering/mask (The instructor may remove his mask during the class to be heard by attendees)
- Eye and ear protection must be worn in the forging area
- Attendees are responsible for providing their own PPE (Mask, Safety Goggles or Eye Protection, and ear protection)
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Regular Shop Rules apply
- Hood will run the entire duration of the class.
- Maintain Social Distancing whenever possible (6+ feet)
- Upon conclusion of class, all equipment will be sanitized with either a bleach mix, alcohol 70% solution, Lysol, or other FDA approved sanitizer.